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SOUTHERN RHODESIA FROM OLYMPICS

QUOTE:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF
RESOLUTION 253 (QOYI) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODE-
SIA HAS BEEN RECEIVING INFORMATION THAT SOUTHERN RHODESIAN
INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING OR ARE ATTEMPTING TO
PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS
IN MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT FOREIGN COM-
PETITORS PARTICIPATED OR ATTEMPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS
EVENTS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. THE NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS BY THE ILLEGAL
REGIME TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
THROUGH SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER TYPES OF COMPETITIONS
HAS INCREASED SINCE 1973.

THE COMMITTEE HAS CONDEMNED SUCH ACTIVITIES AND CONSIDERED THEM TO
BE CONTRARY BOTH TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF SECURITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION 253 (1968), IN PARTICULAR PARAGRAPHS 4,5, AND 6. THE

COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION IN ADDITION TO ENHANCING THE IMAGE OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN THE PUBLIC EYE AND BRINGING TO IT FAVOURABLE ATTENTION, WAS ALSO A MORALE BOOSTER TO THE WHITE RHODESIAN DIE-HARDS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PARTICIPATION IN MATCHES AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES ABROAD BY PERSONS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA HAS, IN A NUMBER OF CASES, BEEN FACILITATED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HELD AND TRAVELLED ON FOREIGN PASSPORTS. IN THIS REGARD, THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED NOTES TO MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS REQUESTING THEIR CO-OPERATION. AS A RESULT OF THE COMMITTEE'S INTERVENTION, SOUTHERN RHODESIA WAS EXPELLED FROM SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS BARRED FROM PARTICIPATING IN SOME COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIPS.

IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THIS TREND THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MADE IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, ON 22 MAY 1975 TO WITHDRAW ITS RECOGNITION OF RHODESIA AND EXCLUDE IT FROM THE 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS DECISION SUPPORTS THE WHOLE CONCEPTION AND INTENT OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND UPHOLED FULLY THE LONG-TERM ACTIVITY OF THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN ITS EFFORT TO PREVENT ANY PARTICIPATION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIAN RESIDENTS IN INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, AND OF FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS OR CLUBS IN COMPETITIONS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

THE COMMITTEE APPRECIATES THE INITIATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH SOUTHERN RHODESIA HOLDS A MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE IDENTICAL MEASURES TO TERMINATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND TO STOP ANY RELATIONS WITH COMPETITORS AND TEAMS OF THIS TERRITORY.

THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO RENEW ITS APPEAL TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS, THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL SPORTING FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, TO HAVE SOUTHERN RHODESIAN MEMBERSHIP OF DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION OR MEMBERSHIP BY ANY SOUTHERN RHODESIAN SPORTING TEAM

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